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Lion King a smash hit in Alberta

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Broadway Across Canada president Ronald Andrew said the four-week Calgary tour brought in over $6.2 million total by the time it concluded on Aug. 30.

"Albertans have been asking for years for The Lion King and we are thrilled to have finally made Broadway's award-winning best musical accessible to so many local families and theatre lovers," Andrew said.

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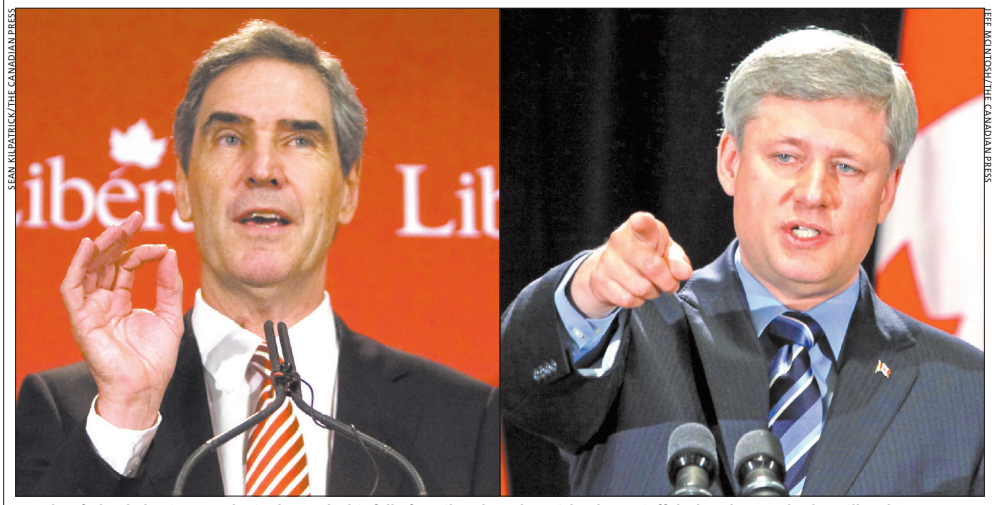
Fall showdown?

Liberal leader says prime minister's 'time is up'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Another federal election may be in the cards this fall after Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff declared yesterday he will no longer support Prime Minister Stephen Harper's minority Conservative government.

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A Calgary political scientist says a looming election won't go over well with voters, but he's certain Canadians are headed to the ballot box this fall.

Duane Bratt of Mount Royal College in Calgary said the fact that Canadians have had four federal elections in five years won't deter quarreling national political leaders from heading out on the campaign trail later this year.

"We're going to the polls; it's just a question of when the government falls. Nobody wants an election, but we're going to the polls anyways," he said.

Bratt's response came on the heels of Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff saying yesterday he will no longer support Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservative government.

"After four years of drift, four years of denial, four years of division and four years of discord, Mr. Harper, your time is up," Ignatieff told cheering MPs and senators in Sudbury, Ont.

Ignatieff said Harper has "failed all four" benchmarks the Liberals set out last June for continued support for the government.

"You've failed to protect the most vulnerable. You've failed to create jobs. You've failed to defend our health care. You've failed to restore our public finances."

Harper, who was in Calgary to help open the WorldSkills 2009 competition, spoke against an election.

"I haven't met a single Canadian who's saying they want to see an election right now," he said.

"I think Canadians have been pretty clear they want Parliament to focus on the economy — that is what the government will be doing in the fall session."

That sentiment was shared by Calgarians weary of federal elections. Ashley Uhlman, a 27-year-old computer technician, said he doesn't support going to the polls.

"I think it would be a waste of money, and we will just end up with the same outcome and then another election again next year," he said.

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Canadian competitors pumped for WorldSkills

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TRADES WorldSkills Team Canada is raring to go after last night's opening ceremonies, ready to take on the world this morning when 900 competitors in 45 categories begin competition.

Counting down the hours and minutes was seemingly endless for Team Canada's Daniel Reid, a Cochrane native.

"(Today) is a big day and I think the excitement for the whole team is pretty much off the chart. You can feel the energy in the room and we're just ready to go," the telecommunications cabling competitor said.

Fellow Canadian Daniel Green, of Drumheller, said the entire team has been spending the last few days together in anticipation of the big day today.

"We pretty much do everything together and have been bonding, and I think we're all just excited and we just really want to get started," Green said. "I think the actual games themselves will actually go faster than the wait — too fast, actually."

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Local

Pair charged after brief chase

Police have a man and woman in custody after they led police on a brief chase. The diver crashed into an embankment just off of Memorial and 19th St. NE, ending the chase, then backed into a police car. Charges are pending against both the male suspect for this matter and the female victim for earlier unrelated incidents. METRO CALGARY

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News in brief

SEX ASSAULT Cochrane RCMP are looking for a large adult male between 40 and 50 years old, balding, big hands, deep voice and dark hoody in connection with an alleged sex assault on Highway 8 near Highway 22 on August 29 in the early morning hours.

BODY Canmore RCMP were notified August 28 around 6:45 p.m. of a body discovered by canoeists on a sandbar downstream from the Old Engine Bridge on the Bow River.

HOUSING Calgary single-family home prices edged up three per cent in August compared with the same month in 2008, a Calgary Real Estate Board release said yesterday. METRO CALGARY

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What's online today.

Video Former Ontario AG Michael Bryant speaks to reporters after being charged in cyclist's death at **metronews.ca/canada**

Video Michael Ignatieff fires election salvo, setting the stage for fall campaign at **metronews.ca/canada**

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Fears exterminated

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Calgary animal control officials are no longer worried about a rat infestation in a northeast neighbourhood.

Phil Merrill from the Alberta rat patrol inspected the area in Coventry Hills yesterday where officials had worried the rat was nesting after they believed they found a second rat.

"That turned out to be a large mouse," said Merrill.

He said after looking at the site, "It appeared to be just a single rat made a home under a shed."

Residents in the area have been asked to keep watch for the rodents and to keep away from two-dozen traps set out in the area.

Sheila Osuna lives in the neighbourhood.

"Rats terrify me … and I hope they can get them all," Osuna said.

Animal control officers will continue to monitor the traps in the area for the next 10 days.

Nikeae Michalchuk oversees the rat control program for the animal services.

Michalchuk said all sightings are investigated immediately.

She said they get about 125 rat sightings a year. About 20 turn out to be rats.

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Nikeae Michalchuk, animal control officer, and the deceased rat at the centre of the search.

Wife thanks transit good samaritans

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"I was panicked and upset but everyone was so kind and offering support."
Evelyn Jantunen

PASSENGERS What could have been a tragic situation for a city couple was made easier thanks to a group of Calgary Transit passengers, says a Calgary woman grateful for the support.

Evelyn Jantunen and her husband Will were heading to work on the C-Train on Friday Aug. 28 around 7 a.m. when her husband collapsed to the floor.

After two men carried her husband off the train and onto the 8 St. SW platform, Jantunen was surprised to see at least six passengers also get off to offer assistance by picking up her husband's briefcase and one man even bought two bottles of water.

"I was panicked and upset but everyone was so kind and offering support. It didn't matter where they were going, they offered help," Jantunen said, adding she didn't get a chance to get anyone's name.

"It was really moving and very touching and I just wanted them to know how grateful I am for their compassion."

Jantunen wanted the helping passengers to know her husband was brought to hospital but everything was OK.

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MP touts Aboriginal clinic improvements

Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq was in Winnipeg today to tout the federal government's $135 million plan to improve health clinics in First Nations communities. The previously announced cash will build and renovate new nursing stations across Canada. All of the 16 projects are supposed to be finished by March 2011. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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News in brief

POLITICS The Conservative Party of Canada has launched a suit at the Ontario Superior Court to force Elections Canada to accept a refund cheque from the Tories for almost $600,000. Of course, if successful, the cash-flush Conservatives would also ensure that their poorer Liberal opponents have to refund similar — if not larger — sums. The case revolves around GST rebates federal parties received from Revenue Canada for the 2004 and 2006 elections.

CHARGES Michael Bryant, 43, a former attorney general of Ontario has been charged after a bike courier was allegedly dragged by his car and killed in downtown Toronto.

WINNIPEG A baby, less than a year old, was brutally beaten on a Winnipeg street early yesterday. An 18-year-old man interrupted the attack after hearing "weird sounds, like screaming sounds." The child is in guarded condition in hospital.

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Canadians split on H1N1 vaccine: Poll

Concern over booster in shots

Flu **Outbreak**

Canadians aren't clamouring en masse for a vaccine for influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, a new poll suggests.

The Canadian Press Harris-Decima poll also indicates some parents have concerns about allowing their children to have a vaccine that contains an adjuvant, a compound that boosts the impact of the vaccine and allows smaller doses.

Only about 45 per cent of respondents intend to get pandemic vaccine when the shots become available later in the fall, the poll found. An equal percentage said they would not take the pandemic shot.

"I think the data show that there is an ambivalence in Canadians about the vaccine," said Dr. Kumanan Wilson, a scientist at the Ottawa Health Research Institute who has done a lot of research on the anti-vaccination movement.

"I think that public health officials need to be concerned about that."

Dr. David Butler-Jones, Canada's chief public health officer, could not be immediately reached for comment yesterday on the survey. With seasonal flu vaccine, uptake is highest among seniors and lowest among healthy adults.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Overweight in America

HEALTH Where you live matters when it comes to children's waistlines, says a report that finds lots of options localities could and should use to fight child obesity — from easy bike paths, to luring healthier stores, to taxes on junk food.

The report by the U.S. Institute of Medicine says local environments hugely influence those choices — and it calls on city and county governments to make it easier for families to make healthier decisions.

"In some communities, actually doing the healthy thing is not as easy as it might be in other places," said Dr. Eduardo Sanchez, chief medical officer of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, who chaired the institute's report.

Two-thirds of Americans are either overweight or obese, and childhood obesity has tripled in the past three decades.

Yesterday's report was sparked because a local government official asked an institute scientist what practical steps communities can take to do that.

The report offers a menu of suggestions on how some communities are making them work.

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Wildfire still threatens homes

CALIFORNIA Firefighters set backfires and removed brush with bulldozers across a huge swath of Southern California forest yesterday to try to contain a 492-square-kilometre wildfire that has destroyed 53 homes and threatened thousands more.

The commander of the vast firefighting operation expressed a positive outlook for the first time in the week since the blaze erupted in the Angeles National Forest north of Los Angeles and grew into a giant.

"I'm feeling a lot more optimistic today than I did yesterday and the crews are doing fabulous work out there on the grounds but the bottom line is that they're fighting for every foot," said Mike Dietrich of the U.S. Forest Service.

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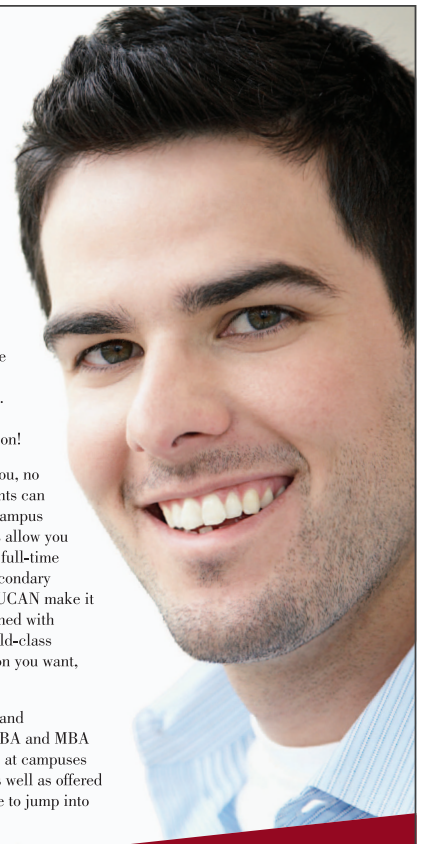

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Cellphone companies adopt code of conduct

Canada's wireless carriers have adopted a new code of conduct that they say will improve consumers' understanding of their contracts when they buy a cellphone.

The Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association, an industry group representing wireless carriers, said the new code will give consumers full details on rates, terms and coverage offered in their plans.

It also promises that cellphone companies will communicate with customers in a way that they understand.

"In some cases, our members will have to change and adapt some of their practices to meet the code that is now in force as of today," wireless association president Bernard Lord said yesterday.

Consumers have often been frustrated by the terms of their cellphone contracts.

"This will mean good service, better service, easier to resolve complaints," he said, adding if a consumer's complaint isn't resolved after 30 days, the consumer can go to Canada's Commissioner for Complaints to have it resolved. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Firms on board

- Major wireless services providers have signed on to the new code of conduct, including Bell, Rogers, Telus, Videotron, MTS Allstream, and new players Public Mobile and WIND Mobile.

GM bests Ford in August sales

AUTO August was a month of extremes for vehicle sales in Canada, with major automakers posting double-digit losses and others double-digit gains.

Data from DesRosiers Automotive Consultants shows overall vehicles sales in Canada were down 7.9 per cent in August to 135,351 compared to 146,978 a year earlier.

Ford Canada had a tentative grip on top market share for two months in a row, but was edged out of that spot by General Motors Canada in August. GM's Canadian sales declined by 27.5 per cent year over year to 23,018, but the automaker still managed to grab the largest portion of the market at 17.6 per cent.

Following GM in market share were Ford, Toyota, Chrysler and Honda. Hyundai's sales jumped 38.4 per cent after it introduced its own 'cash for clunkers' program, earning it fifth place. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business in brief

CLOTHING Yoga wear retailer Lululemon Athletica Inc. says it will launch a new line of clothing aimed at preteen girls. The Vancouver-based company said the Ivivva Athletica line will be aimed at girls ages six to 12. The brand will be tested in stores in Vancouver, Victoria and Calgary, and is set to open before the holiday shopping season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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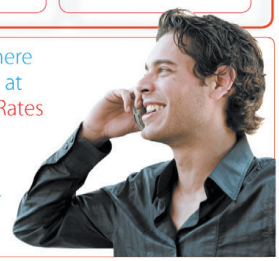

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Comment

Pied Piper's next mission? Alberta

TheWestView

For some reason, Alberta has long claimed to be rat-free. In fact, when Albertans sing O Canada at hockey games, they sing: "The True North Strong and Rat-Free."

Well, I made that up. But they could.

At least until recently, when the rat firewall between Alberta and the rest of the world has shown signs of breaking down.

All right, stop laughing. Alberta takes its rat-free status very seriously. It claims to be one of the three places in the world, the other two being the Arctic and Antarctica, that are rat-free. The province budgets $500,000 per year to clean up any residual rats. Did you know (according to Wikipedia) only licensed rat facilities, such as zoos and research establishments are allowed to own rats, and possession of an unlicensed rat (including pets) is punishable by a $5,000 fine or 60 days in jail?

Is that a rat-tail in your pocket or are you just happy to see me?

But now rats are turning up all over the place. They could be sneaking over the border from Swift Current; they have been spotted in Calgary, Taber, Newell County, Airdrie and Springbank. A high-level rat inspector has been dispatched to Calgary to ascertain if this here's an official infestation.

Here in Vancouver, it's tough to see what the fuss is all about. We've got rats, millions of them. A rat sneaks across the power line in my otherwise pristine (I'll have you know) backyard every 15 minutes. Rats own the alleys. They elect representatives to city council. (Oh, sorry, those are metaphorical rats. The Norway or sewer rat (*rattus norvegicus*) has yet to acquire the vote. But it can't be long.)

This is a port city, and trying to rid a port city of rats is a little bit like trying to rid a port city of drugs, prostitution, human trafficking, etc. But in Alberta, they're a little prone to magical, aggrandized thinking. Alberta, after all, is a hotbed of fundamentalist creationists, one of whom happens to be our prime minister, and for anyone who really believes the world is 6,000 years old, it's only a short step to believing there ain't no rats.

Rats are, in fact, pests. They eat crops, spread disease and chew stuff, so it makes sense to try to control them, and Alberta has, for the most part, been successful. But why set yourself up as rat-free, thereby setting yourself up for failure? No human device has ever been completely successful — only Arctic and Antarctic frosts do the trick. Whatever else they are, rats aren't stupid. Not only that, they're prolific. Apparently, one motivated pair of fertile rats can lead to 15,000 descendents in a year.

We better hope they don't get the vote. If you think there are too many rats elected to high office now, wait until they can vote for themselves …

Paul Sullivan is a Vancouver-based journalist and owner of Sullivan Media Consulting; vancouverletters@metronews.ca.

Word on the street: Do you think we should leave the Senate as is, elect our senators, or abolish the Senate?

Cory Jackson
age n/a, Calgary

A: I would lean towards having an elected Senate as apposed to the appointments as they've been happening previously.

Ammie Ascanius
age n/a, Calgary

A: I think it should stay the same. I mean I'm not one for change. I think it works pretty well the way it is right now.

Norman Ewing
age n/a, Calgary

A: Ideally it would be nice to have a system where we elected our senators but … I'm more and more thinking that it has to be abolished.

Sarah Thuswaldner
age 18, Ottawa

A: An elected senate would make a little more sense. That's the way democracy works and I think it can be applicable everywhere.

Ryan Lenz
age 23, Edmonton

A: I think we, the people, should vote senators in. Why leave it all to one person? Let everyone else have their say.

Heather Cochrane
age 46, Windsor, N.S.

A: I think they should abolish the Senate. I think most of the time it's a waste of time. It's more talk than anything getting done.

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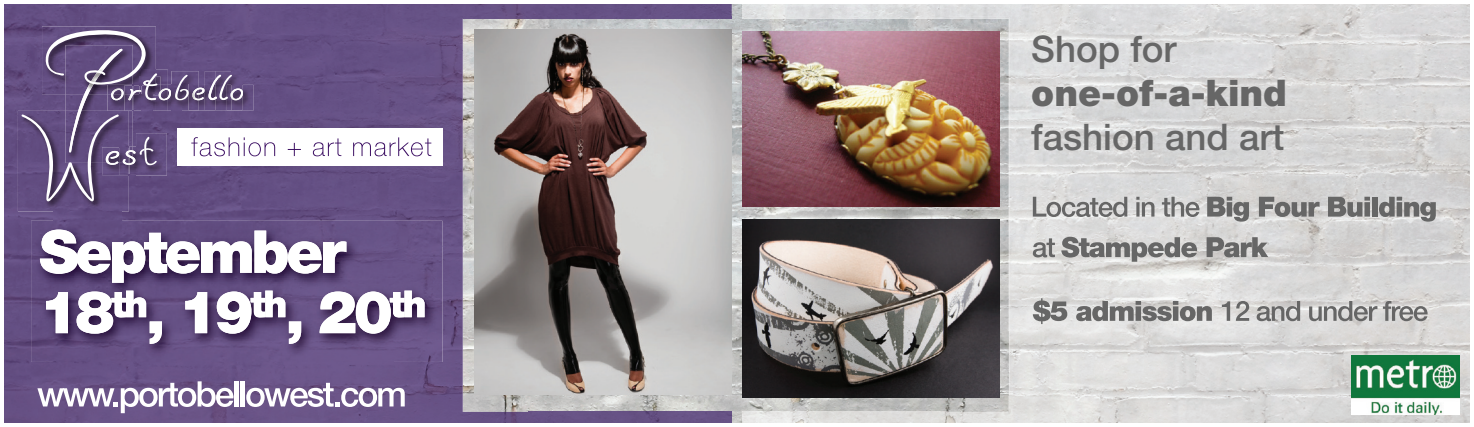

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Lie, break promises — just as long as you pay

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

Employers keeping or breaking promises made to employees has little to do with job satisfaction, according to a new study from the University of Toronto that challenges decades of research.

"Basically, it's 'Show me the money,'" says Samantha Montes, who co-authored the report with Rotman School of Management colleague David Zweig for the Journal of Applied Psychology.

Previous research suggested what made for happy staff was when clear promises were made by employers and then delivered.

But Montes and Zweig found keeping the "psychological contract" had little effect on an employee's feelings for the organization.

"The findings overall suggest that promises don't matter as much as we think they do, which is somewhat controversial," says Montes. She thinks that's not due to recent changes in the job market, but that "previous information was misleading."

"I studied the concept of broken promises, and I studied it differently," she says. Previously, breach of promise was seen as a gap between what employees think they are promised and what they get.

"Unfortunately, what they've done in almost all of the previous research is ask people, 'To what extent has your organization filled all of your promises?'"

That mixes promised inducements and delivered inducements, she says. The new research untangles the two issues.

"My findings show promises don't really come into peoples' minds. All they seem to care about is whether they are getting the pay they want to be getting," she says.

"It's not even as though people are saying, 'How does what I get compare to what I expected to get?' All I saw was that it came down to whatever the employee referred to as the bottom line: Is this the amount of skill-development I want? Is this the pay that I want? Is this the amount of support I want? If it was, they were happy. If it wasn't, then regardless of their expectations and promises, they weren't going to be happy."

This can lead to perplexed bosses, who are carefully delivering on promises, but not getting happy workers.

"Even if you meet employee expectations, even if you fulfill the promises you make to employees, if the level of benefits is low — lower compensation, lower development opportunities, lower support — you're not going to have happy, satisfied, committed employees," she says.

"It's important that organizations divert any resources they were spending on managing expectations and managing promises into actually providing these opportunities and benefits that employees actually want."

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Seattle Mariners legend hurting
Ken Griffey Jr. had an MRI yesterday on his surgically repaired knee. He hasn't played since Thursday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

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Maria Sharapova stretches to hit a return to Tsvetana Pironkova at the U.S. Open yesterday.

Sharapova wins easily at U.S. Open

Maria Sharapova was right where she likes to be: On the Grand Slam stage and in the spotlight.

After missing last year's U.S. Open with a shoulder injury, the 2006 champion returned to the tournament last night with an impressive 6-3, 6-0 victory over Tsvetana Pironkova of Bulgaria.

Sharapova's game was as glittery as her black-and-silver dress and matching headwrap, an outfit she described as a tribute to New York's skyline.

Several hours after Dinara Safina came perilously close to becoming the first No. 1-seeded woman to lose in this major tournament's first round, Sharapova gave a much stronger performance.

The three-time Grand Slam title winner produced 29 winners — a whopping 23 more than her 98th-ranked opponent. And Sharapova's game was particularly clean in the second set, when she hit 16 winners and only five unforced errors.

Apart from four double-faults, Sharapova showed no signs of the shoulder tear that forced her to have surgery in October and kept off the tour for nearly 10 months.

"This is a Grand Slam. You've got to get going from the first match," Sharapova said. "After being gone, this is what it's all about."

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A first for Dubois

• Canadian Stephanie Dubois has the first Grand Slam victory of her career. The native of Laval, Que., defeated French teen Kristina Mladenovic 6-0, 6-4 in the first round of the U.S. Open yesterday.

In men's doubles, Toronto's Daniel Nestor and Serbian partner Nenad Zimonjic defeated Germans Andreas Beck and Simon Greul 6-3, 7-5.

Sports in brief

NBA Timberwolves president David Kahn says Spanish point guard Ricky Rubio has backed out of a deal to play in Minnesota this season. Rubio informed Kahn on Monday night that he would prefer to stay in his homeland for two more years to better prepare himself for the NBA.

F1 Injured Ferrari driver Felipe Massa received a positive medical report after visiting a specialist in racing injuries in Miami and expects to resume physical workouts as he takes his first step on the road back to Formula One. An accident at the Hungarian Grand Prix in July nearly cost Massa his life but the Brazilian is hoping to return for the Oct. 18 Brazilian Grand Prix.

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Top players turn up in Alberta for CN Canadian Women's Open

GOLF There isn't anything missing from this week's CN Canadian Women's Open.

The No. 1 player in the world? Check. All 12 members of the victorious U.S. Solheim Cup team? Check. The top 50 players on the LPGA's money list? Check.

While the tournament has been on the rise since CN took over sponsorship in 2006, it appears set to hit a new high this week in suburban Calgary. There was considerable buzz as players strolled around picturesque Priddis Greens Golf and Country Club yesterday.

"This event is a huge event to every player out here," said Hamilton's Alena Sharp, the top Canadian in the field. "It's our last biggest purse event of the year. It feels like a major the way we're treated every year out here."

Added American Morgan Pressel: "I think the best endorsement that we as players can give is to come here and play. And everybody's here."

It's a big turnaround for the tournament, which only a few years ago was facing a sponsorship crisis and struggled to attract top players. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Kazmir deal done

The Los Angeles Angels sent second baseman Sean Rodriguez to the Tampa Bay Rays to complete the trade for Scott Kazmir. METRO NEWS SERVICES

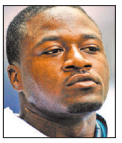
Ghosts chase Pacman to CFL

Sources say troubled star signed by Winnipeg

Another controversial NFL star is looking to kick-start his football career in Canada.

Cornerback Adam (Pacman) Jones has agreed to a one-year deal with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, according to a CFL source, a move he hopes will lead him back to the NFL.

Jones is a former first-round draft pick of the Tennessee Titans who has twice been suspended by the NFL for off-field incidents — including for the entire 2007 season — and was released in February by the Dallas Cowboys.



Pacman Jones

The Bombers remained quiet about the move yesterday. Neither Bombers head coach Mike Kelly nor player-personnel director John Murphy returned telephone and email messages.

Worrick Robinson, Jones' lawyer and agent, told The Associated Press the player is in negotiations with a CFL team, but a deal has yet to be formally reached.

The Bombers wouldn't be the first CFL team to take a chance on a former NFL star looking to resurrect or continue his career in Canada.

Ricky Williams spent the entire 2006 season with the Toronto Argonauts while serving a suspension for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy. Former NFL first-round draft pick Lawrence Phillips — who was sentenced 10 years in jail in 2008 for seven counts of assault with a deadly weapon — spent time with Montreal and Calgary in 2002 and '03.

And receiver Andre (Bad Moon) Rison spent the '04 season with Toronto despite having been arrested several times for failing to pay child support.

Jones is free to join the Blue Bombers because he isn't currently serving an NFL suspension and as a free agent can sign with any team. After the Williams signing, the CFL changed its rules, banning suspended players from coming north.

Jones, who turns 26 at the end of the month, will definitely take a financial hit to play in Canada. The the average CFL salary is roughly $60,000, although top cornerbacks in the league can earn six figures. Still, that's a far cry from the reported $1.3-million US base salary he gave up in '07 when he was suspended for his reported involvement in a shooting incident outside a Las Vegas strip club. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

B-ball **Canada loses in quarters**

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Argentina's Luis Scola, right, attempts to block a shot by Canada's Joel Anthony during the FIBA Americas Championship quarter-finals yesterday in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Argentina won 67-51.

Calgary receiver among CFL's best

CFL Calgary Stampeders Nik Lewis and Titus Ryan, Hamilton Tiger-Cats' Jamall Johnson and Edmonton Eskimos' Noel Prefontaine were named the CFL's top players for the ninth week of the season on Tuesday.

Lewis, the Offensive Player of the Week, had five catches for 118 yards to help Calgary to a 23-20 win over Toronto. His longest catch was a 52-yard reception in the fourth quarter.

Johnson nabbed Defensive Player of the Week honors after recording eight tackles and a sack in a 31-30 loss to the Edmonton Eskimos.

Ryan was honored with Special Teams Player of the Week as his 188 return yards helped carry Calgary to victory over Toronto. He had 110 yards on four kickoff returns and 78 yards on eight punt returns.

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Sports in brief

ALI Boxing legend Muhammad Ali made a sentimental journey to discover his Irish roots yesterday, and met distant relatives during celebrations at the local town hall and a nearby castle. Thousands lined the streets of Ennis, western Ireland, to cheer the motorcade carrying Ali as the three-time world heavyweight champion visited the home of his great-grandfather Abe Grady.

NHL Free agent left wing Alex Tanguay has signed a one-year contract with the Tampa Bay Lightning. Terms of the deal were not announced. The veteran of 659 NHL games with Colorado, Calgary and Montreal finalized the deal yesterday. He had 16 goals and 41 points in 50 games for Montreal last season.

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Travel

German Currywurst Museum

The long wait has finally come to an end for fans of Germany's most beloved urban snack — the first German Currywurst Museum opened its doors in Berlin near Checkpoint Charlie. The museum will celebrate all things related to the curious combination of curry, ketchup and sausage. There'll be recipes, a history of the cult snack, a museum shop and a documentary called Best of the Wurst. See currywurstmuseum.de. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Terra cotta warriors head to D.C.

WASHINGTON, D.C. Fifteen of China's famous terra cotta warriors are coming to Washington in November for an exhibit at the National Geographic Museum. It's the final U.S. venue for the extraordinary statues, which have also been on display in Santa Ana, Calif., in Atlanta and in Houston.

It's also the only venue in the Northeast, and 33,000 tickets for the show have already been sold. Tickets are timed and dated and can be purchased online at warriorsdc.org. The warriors were first discovered in the 1970s in the tomb of Qin Shi Huang, an emperor whose rule began in 221 B.C. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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New Brunswick's coastal charms

Covered bridges and natural wonders line Bay of Fundy

The sign at the entrance to the weatherbeaten structure along Highway 114 south of Moncton harkens back to a simpler time. It reads: "Walk Your Horse and Save a Fine."

Constructed in 1905, the Sawmill Creek covered bridge is no longer in use but is one of the oldest among an abundance of covered bridges along the Fundy Coastal Drive, which eventually leads the traveller down to Fundy National Park.

There are 64 covered bridges in New Brunswick — 28 in Kings County alone. They're so popular that they have spawned the annual Covered Bridge Festival to celebrate Canada's Covered Bridge Capital, Kings County, each July.

If the city of Moncton is your starting point, then the Fundy Coastal Drive is an excellent day trip. You'll encounter dozens of picturesque villages, picnic and hiking areas and, of course, the covered bridges.

HENRY GEORGI

An early morning view of one of New Brunswick's 64 covered bridges.

"Why are they covered? It's just because back when there (were) horse-and-carriages (the bridges) had to be covered because when there is snow and rain the wood can deteriorate," explained Keltie Ryan, the supervisor at the Covered Bridge Visitor Information Centre in Kings County. "However they would put snow on the bridges so horse-and-sleighs could be used," she added.

About 200 visitors a day drop into the information centre, including many who were fans of the 1995 movie The Bridges of Madison County, starring Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep. "A lot of people come around looking for covered bridges — it's almost like the lighthouse fad where people come and see how they are still being used today," Ryan said.

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Yet more fees

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NEW BRUNSWICK TOURISM & PARKS

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Left, visitors walk among New Brunswick's Hopewell Rocks at low tide. Right, kayakers paddle through the rocks at high tide.

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The most obvious attraction for the 2.6 million annual visitors, though, is the world-famous Bay of Fundy, which records the highest tides in the world.

One hundred-billion tonnes of seawater rolls in twice daily down the 290-kilometre funnel, which is wide at one end and gradually tapers at the other.

It's the only Canadian destination to make the top 28 compiled by an international panel of experts to compete to be named one of the globe's New7Wonders of Nature.

"It's the first place you would take someone who is visiting," confirmed Diane Rioux, project executive for Tourism New Brunswick.

The Hopewell Rocks, which have been named one of the Marine Wonders of the World, are also on the must-see list. The flower-pot shaped rock formations have been carved by erosion over thousands of years.

At low tide, visitor can walk in their shadows along the floor but at high tide, kayakers use the opportunity to dart in and out through the holes in the rocks four storeys above.

Visitors to the province come from nearby Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, as well as Quebec, Ontario, the New England states and from further afield. The proximity to New England has resulted in other tourism possibilities once the greenery of summer gives way to the multi-coloured changes in the fall.

"What happens in New England is you get these long lineups of cars who go to visit the fall foliage and then the prices of the rooms go way up," said Rioux. "Here in New Brunswick we have all the same colours, our prices stay the same and there's less traffic. Our operators are still busy in the fall."

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TV chefs appear at Fraser Valley food fest

ABBOTSFORD, B.C. TV celebrity chefs David Rocco and Ned Bell will be giving cooking demonstrations at the second annual Eat Fraser Valley Food and Cooking Festival, which runs Sept. 11-13.

As well, wineries and breweries in the region will provide samples of products, including fruit and berry wines and craft beers. Seminars will explain the differences between the crusts and textures of various cheeses. There will also be seminars on beer and chocolate appreciation, for anyone needing help in such matters. And at the Bite of the Valley Restaurant Pavilion, visitors can savour small portions of the signature dishes of many of the Fraser Valley's best restaurants, organizers say. Admission to the festival, at Abbotsford's Tradex Exhibition Centre, is $12 for adults (less for children and seniors). See fraservalley.eat-vancouver.com.

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Corolla most purchased in clunker program

The Toyota Corolla was the most frequently purchased car under the U.S. "Cash for Clunkers" program, which offered rebates of up to $4,500 US for consumers who traded in older vehicles for recycling and purchased new, more fuel-efficient vehicles. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Metro Drive

E-cabs put to test

Japan is getting all charged up for the world's first-ever electric taxi pilot program, which hits Tokyo streets come January. The participating cabs will use "swappable" batteries, which can be replaced in about the same time it takes to fill a gas tank. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Northern light

Canada-made Civic carrying torch of excellence

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada

The Honda Civic has been one of Canada's favourite cars from the very first ones sold back in 1973.

It's amusing to hear our American friends going on about the importance of buying products made in the U.S.A. when one of their favourite cars is made by a foreign power — us.

Yep, the Honda Civic sedan is just one of the vehicles made in Ontario at Honda's production facility in Alliston.

The perennial top selling compact car in Canada and the U.S., the current generation Civic blurs the line between compact and mid-size because 2009 Civics aren't really all that small anymore. The Civic is 4.4-metres long with the passenger volume of 2,574 litres. It may be considered compact on the outside, but it's mid-size on the inside.

There are no less than six different Civic models: four trim levels (DX, DX-G, Sport, EX-L) of the sedan, the sporty Si with a bigger 2.0-litre engine that revs freely to an amazing 7,800 rpm and the Hybrid that boasts fuel economy numbers of 4.7L/100 km city and 4.3L/100 km highway.

Tested here is the Sport that replaces last year's LX model. The Sport features a leather wrapped steering wheel, black cloth interior with silver contrast stitching and little things like a chrome exhaust tip and USB device connector.

The shape of the Civic sedan, as well as the coupe, has now defined the Honda "family look" with a steeply raked front windshield that is part of a sweeping roofline that actually starts at the nose then arches up and over in one curve to the rear deck. That is combined with a wide track and extremely short overhangs for a look that seems hewn out of one block.

All Civics, including the Sport, have what Honda calls its Advanced Compatibility Engineering (ACE) Body Structure. In a frontal crash, the energy is dispersed through a network of load bearing structures in the front of the vehicle. To make it work, the front-end frame structure incorporates new upper and lower frame members to significantly enhance energy dispersion in a frontal collision.

The interior of the current generation Civic takes advantage of its greater width. For instance, the seats are wider, and thus, more supportive. The centre console is big enough to hold 25 CDs.

The most prominent aspect of the cabin is the two-tier instrument panel.

A digital speedometer, fuel gauge and temperature gauge are housed in the upper level to be more in line with the driver's line-of-sight, resulting in shorter eye movements between the most commonly referenced gauges and the road. The lower level of the instrument panel houses a tachometer, multi-information digital display, odometer with trip meter and a variety of warning indicators.

Power for the four main Civic sedans, including the Sport, is a 1.8-litre SOHC in-line four-cylinder producing 140 hp and 128 lb/ft of torque. Standard transmission is a five-speed manual with a five-speed automatic as an option. Fuel ratings for the manual are 7.4/5.4L/100 km city/highway and 8.2/5.7L/100 km city/highway for the automatic.

The Sport has a starting price of $21,780 and will probably be the volume seller. My tester had just two options, the five-speed automatic at $1,200 and floor mats ($178.90) for an as tested price of $23,158.90.

2009 Honda Civic Sport Sedan

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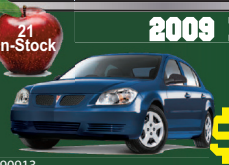

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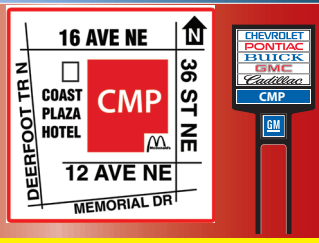

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Mini Coupe coming
Mini will be launching a Coupe version of its iconic marque, which turned 50 last week. The concept will be unveiled at this month's Frankfurt Auto Show. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Your future with GM

As you've no doubt heard, General Motors is transitioning into concentrating on four core brands — Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, and Cadillac.

That means the other four brands in its current portfolio — Pontiac, Saturn, Saab and Hummer — will soon be *persona non core*.

If you're a current owner of one of those brands, or considering purchasing one, you might be asking where you go for service and warranty work, when GM takes its signs down at the end of the year?

Fair question.

The answer, however, is not straightforward, at least not at this time. There is still stuff in play.

We don't have anything official from GM as it didn't get back to us before deadline, but we gleamed a few scenarios from talking to industry executives and dealers.

First off, let's confirm that you will have someplace to go — it's the law. And if it weren't the law, either GM or the entity that ultimately controls the brands in the future, would still be standing behind these products; otherwise it would just be business suicide.

"No one is ever going to leave consumers high and dry," says Moray Keith, who heads up a large GM dealer group based in Vancouver.

"You're going to be able to get parts and have that vehicle repaired for as long as you own the vehicle. GM has always done that…"

There is still some positioning going on, as to who will own the soon-to-be ex-GM brands, and their respective stores in Canada, and that will affect where consumers go for warranty work.

Pontiac is the most straightforward. GM is not selling the brand. So Pontiac customers simply go back to GM dealers.

The Penske group is trying to buy the Saturn dealer chain in the U.S., and sell cars sourced from GM and others. Currently they have no plans for Canada.

Until or unless something develops on this front, Canadian Saturn owners would presumably be going to GM dealers for warranty work, or going to still-open former Saturn operations for non-warranty related items.

"If you have a Pontiac that shares almost all of its components with a Chevy, you really don't have to worry."
George Iny of the Automobile Protection Association

Saab and Hummer owners would be in a similar position. GM is in the process of selling Saab to a Swedish company. A Chinese firm wants Hummer. Neither of those buyers announced any specifics about future Canadian models or distribution systems.

Any possible sale would determine who holds the warranty liability. In the meantime, assume GM is on the hook.

So someone will have your back, we're just not sure who.

But you should also be aware that, when it comes to brand upheaval, there are shades of gray.

A Pontiac G8, above, and a Saturn Astra.

"If you have a Pontiac that shares almost all of its components with a Chevy, you really don't have to worry," says George Iny of the Automobile Protection Association, a non-profit that promotes the interests of automotive consumers.

But he's not so sure about vehicles that have no North American GM twin, like the Australian-built Pontiac G8, the European-built Saabs, and the Saturn Astra, which is built in Belgium by a company (Opel) that GM has been told to sell.

Not only will you possibly need to go to a GM dealer who never serviced those vehicles prior to this, he also raises the spectre of "long term issues with parts pricing and parts availability."

The other thing to rattle around our brains, is that some of these soon-to-be ex-GM cars are simply great cars, and, because of their circumstances, are now being offered at great prices you'll probably never see again.

We'll leave it up to you.

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For each cigarette smoked in the car, there was about a doubling in the airborne nicotine concentration, a recent research found.

More nicotine in smokers' cars: Study

Nicotine levels are "strikingly higher" in smokers' cars than in non-smokers' vehicles, and even exceed those found in public or private indoor spaces where tobacco use is allowed, a study has found.

Researchers at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health tested air nicotine concentrations in smokers' vehicles and found they were twice as strong as levels measured by other studies in public and-or private places and up to 50 per cent higher than measurements taken in restaurants and bars that permit smoking.

"We're interested in what the second-hand smoke exposure might do to a non-smoker travelling in a car with a smoker," said senior author Dr. Patrick Breysse. "And it seems like the car is probably the last environment where people have begun to think about the risk of second-hand smoke exposure."

The researchers studied the vehicles of 17 smokers and five non-smokers who commuted to and from work for 30 minutes or longer. Two passive airborne nicotine samplers were placed in the vehicles — one on the front passenger seat headrest and one in the back seat behind the driver — for a 24-hour period. In all, they analyzed 44 samplers.

"And we found that for each cigarette smoked in the car, there was about a doubling in the airborne nicotine concentration," said Breysse, noting that the study took into consideration the size of each vehicle and the use of ventilation.

"Most people drive with the windows up and the air conditioning on," he said. "We found that rolling the windows half-way down reduced the exposure ... but not as low as we expected."

• The research was recently published in the British Medical Association journal Tobacco Control.

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Zellweger in crash
Renee Zellweger has been in a car crash. The New In Town actress was involved in an accident in Beverly Hills on Monday, but was uninjured in the collision police reports. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Entertainment

Prejean suing
Fallen beauty queen Carrie Prejean is suing the Miss California USA pageant and co-executive director Shanna Moakler alleging religious discrimination. Prejean, 22, is also suing for libel and slander. PEOPLE.COM

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Blue collar fun

Mike Judge seeks workplace laughs in Extract

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Although he's more famous for creating such iconic animated television sitcoms as Beavis and Butt-Head and the long-running King of the Hill, filmmaker Mike Judge does have one cinematic treasure to his name — Office Space.

Having mastered the eccentricities of the workplace in that 1999 comedy classic, Judge may soon satisfy those who've craved for his return to skewering office dynamics ever since. Admittedly, his new film, Extract, should've been made a lot sooner.

"I started writing (Extract) shortly after Office Space," said Judge during a recent interview in Los Angeles. "I started writing it, got 50 pages in and (the scriptwriting) software I was using got corrupted and froze up including the version I saved … by the time I opened it up, I was like, 'Nah, screw it.'"

Ten years later, the comedy starring Jason Bateman as a bewildered owner of a floundering flavouring factory is set for release this Friday. Being described as a "blue collar" rendition of Office Space, in the film Judge again captures the hilarious authenticity of the working environment.

Extract opens in theatres this Friday

"I had so many jobs and I just think there's a lot of material there," said Judge about his interest in the workplace setting. "I just find this stuff kind of interesting and funny and not a lot of people are doing it."

But part of the success of Office Space (and perhaps Extract) was also the adoption of certain lines and iconic moments into the zeitgeist. Mention such things as the "O-face" or "Milton's red stapler" to anyone who's seen the 1999 cult hit and those gags have a whole new pop-cultural understanding.

"At the premiere, (a friend) picked the oddest line that I don't think anyone even laughed at," said Judge about which moments in Extract could find their way into the zeitgeist.

"You don't plan those things; when you plan them, they don't work so you just write the thing and those quotable lines - that's up to the audience and they find them. I just hope they do that with this one."

Mike Judge, who directed the 1999 comedy Office Space, on the set of his new film Extract.

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In brief

TV CBS has landed a highly sought multicamera comedy script by Will & Grace alumna Gail Lerner. The project, tentatively titled Open Books, has received a pilot commitment from the network. It revolves around book editor June and her circle of friends.

TV The Daytime Emmy Awards hit an all-time ratings low after being relegated to the CW network on Sunday. The 36th annual awards show, averaged 2.3 million viewers — off 57 per cent from last year when the Daytime Emmys aired on ABC.

TV MTV's reinvention of the 1985 movie Teen Wolf is inching closer to reality. The cable network announced the project in January as part of its development slate. After seeing the script, MTV brass have picked it up as a pilot presentation.

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critics' corner

Expedition Africa
GPS? What's that? Maps and a compass are all that four modern-day explorers have at their disposal in this new series, which sends them on the route taken by journalist Henry Morton Stanley's journey in search of Dr. David Livingstone. It's a trip fraught with danger, but as with most shows from producer Mark Burnett, the real drama comes from the personal friction and personality conflicts. 8 PM on HIST

The New Adventures of Old Christine
Physician, heal thyself. And gym owner, trim thyself. While helping Matthew (Hamish Linklater) lose some weight, Christine (Julia Louis-Dreyfus) tries to shed a few extra pounds that she's acquired ... and she can't. While it's true that after a certain age, it's harder to take weight off, this is especially embarrassing for Christine since she owns a fitness center. Clark Gregg also stars in "He Ain't Heavy." 9 PM on KREM

Demi and Ashton want a baby

Demi Moore admits that she and Ashton Kutcher are interested in having a baby, hollyscoop.com reports. "We have so much to live for, and obviously one of them is to have a child," said the 46-year-old Moore. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Money not behind Idol split: Paula

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POST-IDOL In one of her first interviews since leaving American Idol, Paula Abdul says her departure wasn't just about money, people.com reports.

"I had to stand on my principle," Abdul, 47, told TV Guide. "I'm going to miss the experience of watching young talent evolve into a place where they get to take off and soar."

The former Idol judge says her decision wasn't solely about the paycheck. "I stand on principle where many people stand on money," she said. "I've lasted in this business for 23 years. And you can't do that unless you are good at what you do."

So what's next? "I definitely want to do a talk show ... with a ton of unexpected stuff and tributes to everyday people getting their big chance."

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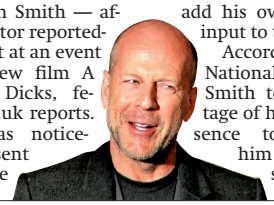
Bruce rubbed Kevin wrong way?



GUESS THEY WON'T BE WORKING TOGETHER AGAIN Bruce Willis has brushed off rumours of a feud with filmmaker Kevin Smith — after the director reportedly lashed out at an event for their new film A Couple of Dicks, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Willis was noticeably absent from the wrap party in New York, fuelling reports the pair has been at odds over the action star's demands to add his own creative input to the film.

According to the National Enquirer, Smith took advantage of his star's absence to criticize him in a scathing toast: "I want to thank everyone who worked on the film, except for Bruce Willis ... who is a f—ing d—!"

However, Willis' rep said "The only reason Mr. Willis was not at the wrap party for the film is that he was in Los Angeles taking part in a press junket ... for his movie Surrogate." METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Paris has best security ever

NO HAIR LEFT BEHIND While on a retail therapy trip to Las Vegas with her grandmother last week, Paris Jackson enjoyed a trip to a salon for a haircut — and security was sure to keep all of Michael Jackson's daughter's clippings, according to the Daily Mail.

Workers at the salon carefully swept up, bagged, and handed over every last hair cut from the 11-year-old's head to thwart potential thieves from snatching a strand for DNA tests to determine who her biological father is.

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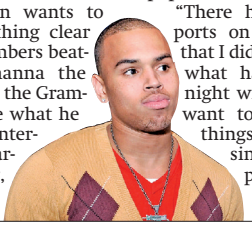
Brown remembers beating

OOPS! TEMPORARY AMNESIA! Chris Brown wants to make one thing clear — he remembers beating up Rihanna the night before the Grammys, despite what he said in an interview with Larry King, popeater.com reports.

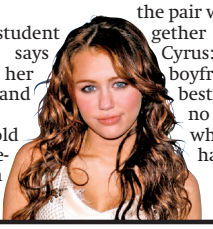


"There have been reports on the Internet that I didn't remember what happened that night with Rihanna. I want to try and set things straight," the singer told People. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Miley the other woman?

TEEN HOMEWRECKER? Miley Cyrus' new romance with Liam Hemsworth has left his ex-girlfriend devastated, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Australian student Laura Griffin says Cyrus took her "boyfriend and best friend."



The 19-year-old wrote on Facebook: "Liam and I have been inseparable since school. But it's Miley Cyrus. How can I compete?"

Griffin told Australia's Woman's Day magazine the pair would still be together if it wasn't for Cyrus: "He was my boyfriend and my best friend. There is no other reason why we would have broken up."

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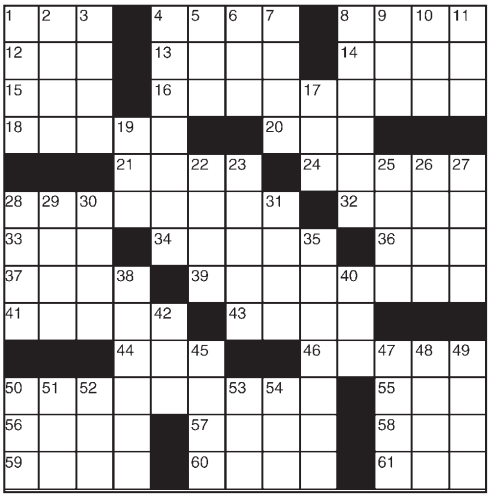

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

		5					6	9
	1	9		5	3			
4			2					
5		2	7		1			
	4						7	
			8		4	6		3
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7	8					3		

ACROSS

1 Letterman's network
4 Stubborn critter
8 Not working
12 Uncooked
13 Holly
14 Perfectly
15 "Born in the —"
16 Track timer
18 Ledger entry
20 Lubricate
21 Support group?
24 Presents
28 Cause clashing
32 Italian farewell
33 Work with
34 Movie cowboy Lash
36 Matterhorn, for one
37 Venetian blind part
39 Li'l Abner's home
41 Serf
43 Slay
44 Scoundrel
46 Youngsters
50 Bigfoot
55 Mined-over matter
56 Quaker's address
57 Womanizer
58 "A Chorus Line" song
59 Harvard's rival
60 Legal wrong
61 Barbie's companion

DOWN

1 Gunk
2 Foundation
3 Q-tip end
4 Strong, cold wind
5 Last (Abbr.)
6 Writer Buscaglia
7 Big fair, for short
8 Slanted type
9 Speck
10 Fond du —, WI
11 Biblical verb ending
17 Peruke
19 "Big Blue" company
22 Slightly
23 Seafood selection
25 Decree
26 Body powder
27 Last year's frosh
28 Dogsled command
29 Capri, e.g.
30 Notary's symbol
31 "Les Miserables" author
35 Disparaging term
38 Rotational force
40 Whatever amount
42 Greek cross
45 Small pie
47 Eccentric
48 Sea eagle
49 Spotted
50 Pigpen
51 "Eureka!"
52 Scale member
53 Additionally
54 Mongrel

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

4	1	6	3	5	9	7	2	8
3	5	7	4	2	8	9	6	1
9	8	2	7	1	6	4	3	5
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1	9	4	6	8	2	3	5	7
7	3	8	5	9	4	2	1	6
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Metro Recipe of the Day

Peppered T-bone Steaks

INGREDIENTS:
3 tbsp (45 ml) steak sauce
4 1/2 tsp (22 ml) minced fresh thyme or 1 tsp (5 ml) dried thyme
1/4 tsp (1 ml) coarsely ground pepper
1/4 tsp (1 ml) cayenne pepper
2 beef T-bone steaks
1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt

METHOD:
1. Coat grill rack with non-stick cooking spray before starting grill. In small bowl, combine steak sauce, thyme, pepper and cayenne.
2. Sprinkle steaks on both sides with salt. Spoon about 2 teaspoons steak sauce mixture on one side of steaks.
3. Place on grill sauce side down. Grill, covered, over medium heat 6 minutes. Brush with remaining sauce and turn. Grill 4-6 minutes longer or until meat reaches desired doneness (for medium-rare, meat thermometer should read 145 F/63 C; medium, 160 F/71 C; well-done 170 F/77 C). Serve with grilled veggie skewers.

SERVES 2

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Make a special effort to stay on top of your workload today, because if you let things slide you'll find it hard to catch up.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Venus, your ruler, aspects success planet Saturn today, so your efforts, both in your personal life and in your work, are sure to pay off.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You are taking certain matters too seriously and in one area in particular you seem to believe that you are to blame for other people's unhappiness.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Try not to draw attention to something of an embarrassing nature today. It may be amusing to you but it won't be funny to a friend or a colleague.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Money matters and business issues may be under good stars at the moment but that is not an invitation to take risks with what you own and earn.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A dispute of some kind may be unsettling but there is no need to worry as it will most likely be over as quickly as it started.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You are expecting too much of yourself and if you don't lower your sights a little you could be in for a disappointment later in the month.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Everyone is born with a talent and everyone has a destiny for which they are well equipped. Keep that thought in mind when dealing with people.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You will make a big impression on employers and other important people today. Saturn will bring your leadership qualities to the fore.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
There are no barriers. You can do whatever it is you want in this life. Any obstacles you encounter, now or in the future, are in your mind.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You are noticeably more confident about your prospects of late, even though your circumstances have changed little, if at all.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Deal with people who annoy you in a brisk and businesslike manner today, especially those who waste your time on trivial matters.

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1. The spoiled child over there (1)
2. Find fault with actor Hudson (1)
3. Sanctuary for Poe poem bird (2)
4. Scrapes and frays pants folds (1)
5. More trim and graceful orator (2)
6. Deal with a votive light (2)
7. Naval base builders' comped items (2)

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ANSWERS
1. THAT BRAT 2. KNOCK ROCK 3. RAVEN HAVEN 4. SCUFFS CUFFS
5. SLEEKER SPEAKER 6. HANDLE CANDLE 7. SEABEES FREEBIES

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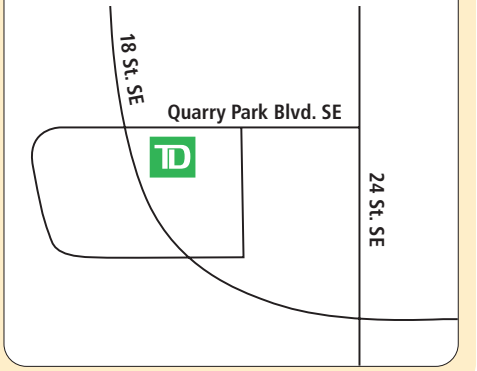

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